

Given

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Natsuki Kidu
presents

HECCHI
LOOKS LIKE THE
SELF-CENTERED
TYPE, YOU KNOW.

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EVEN
THOUGH
YOUR FACE
IS SCARY.

...AKIHIKO, YOU
REALLY PAY
ATTENTION TO
THE PEOPLE
AROUND YOU,
HUH?

poke

MY FACE'S
GOT NOTHING
TO DO WITH
THIS.



BUT WELL,
HOW SHOULD
I PUT IT...

WHAT?

...NAH.



BASICALLY,
I THINK HE'S
AN HONEST
AND GOOD
GUY.



OKAY.

LET'S HEAD
BACK NOW.



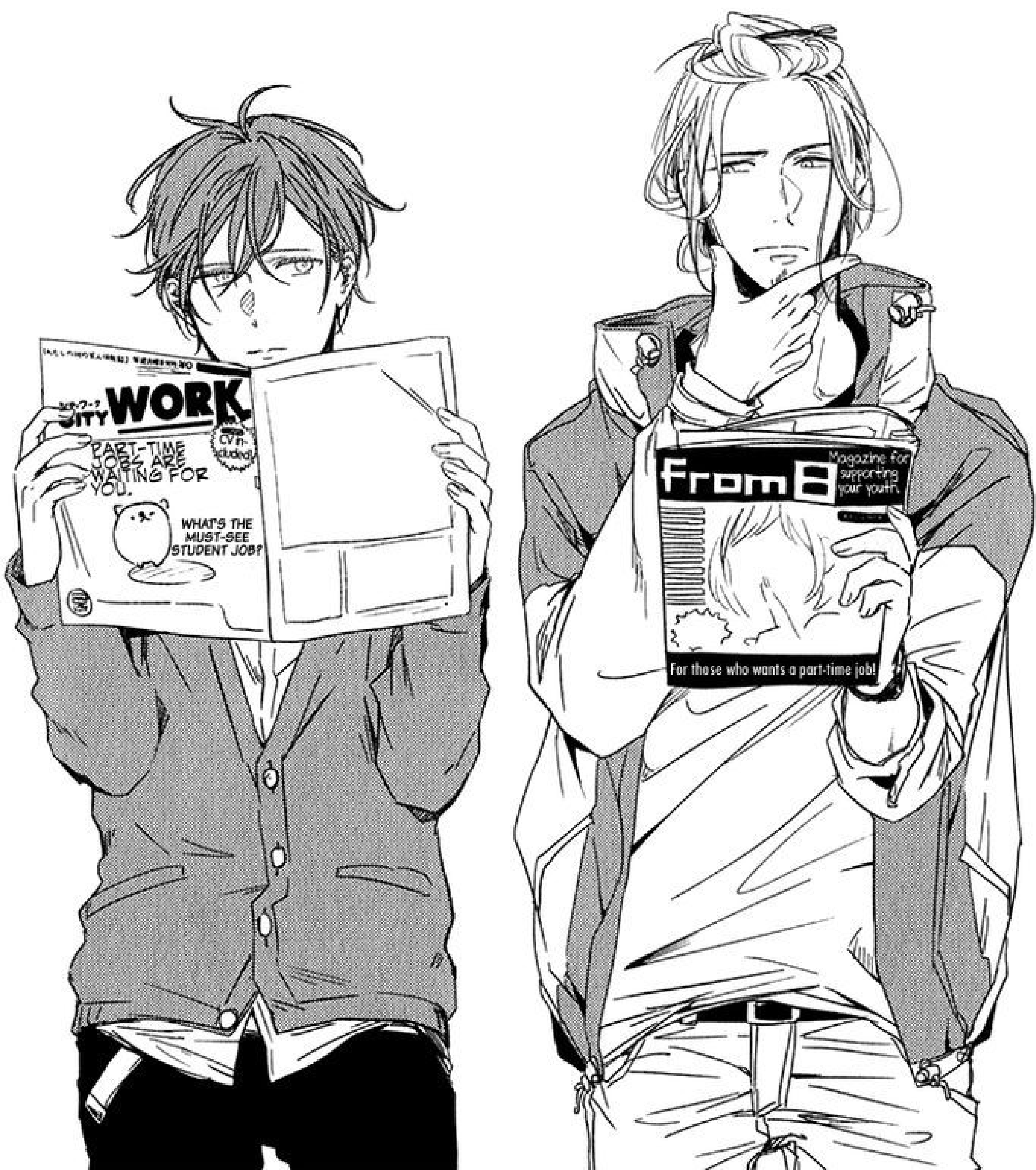
BUT INS-
TEAD
OF WAN-
TING TO
DO HIS
BEST,

I THINK
HE'S GOT A
STRONG
DESIRE TO
PROTECT.

IN OTHER
WORDS...

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HEY,
YOU'RE
STARTING
TO GET
SOMEWHERE,
HUH?



WE'RE
BACK.

SCREAM

ARE
YOU REALLY
GETTING
ANY OF
THIS?

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tong

ti~ng~



ME TOO. I'D
BE IN TROUBLE
WITHOUT
THAT.

YUP,
THAT.

AH,
THAT,
HUH?

?



HEY,
MAFUYU.

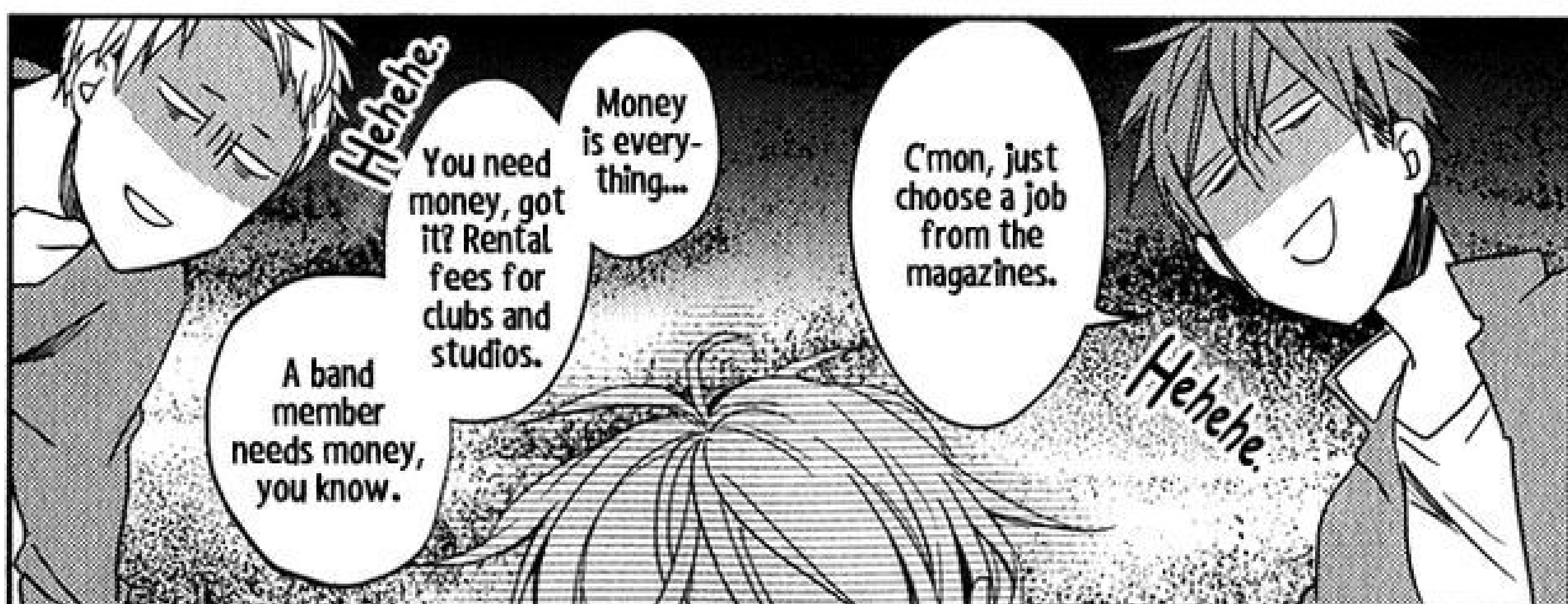
YES?

IF YOU REALLY
WANT TO PLAY
MUSIC SERIOUSLY,
THERE'S SOMETHING
THAT'S REALLY
IMPORTANT.

I THINK
YOU SHOULD
START THINK-
ING ABOUT
THAT SOON.



WHAT'S
"THAT"?











I FEEL GOOD
SEEING PEOPLE
LOOK LIKE
THEY'RE
GROWING UP.

HOW-
EVER,

EVEN THOUGH
HE DOESN'T
KNOW ANYTHING
ABOUT MUSIC,
HE'S GOT A
GOOD EAR.



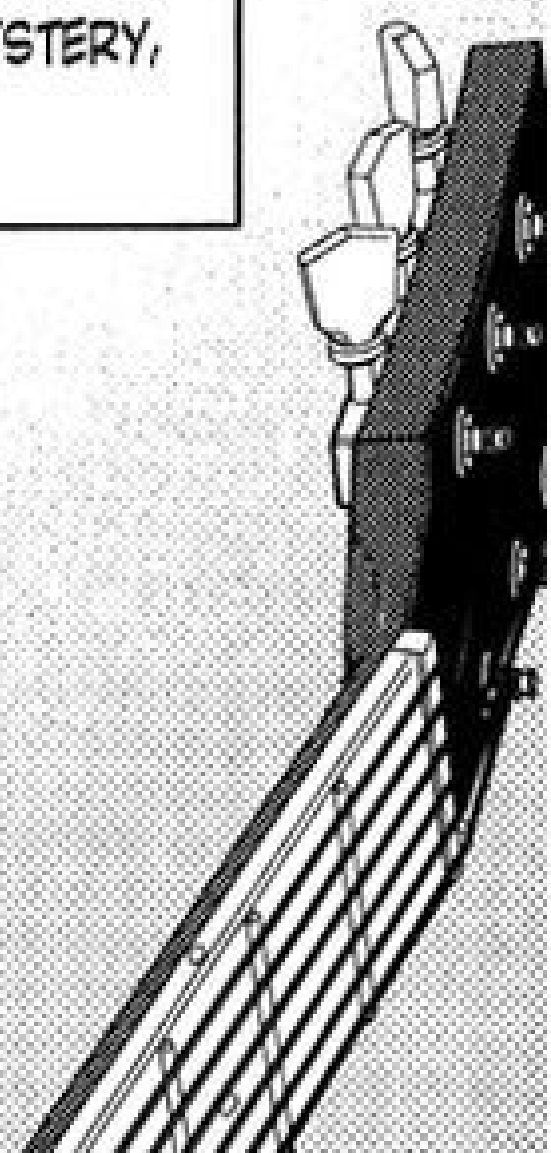
...LEARNS
FASTER...

...AND
BETTER
THAN I
EXPECTED.



EVEN
NOW.

THIS GUY
IS STILL A
MYSTERY,





I FEEL
LIKE...



I DON'T REALLY
KNOW WHY HE
STARTED DOING
MUSIC.

BESIDES,



... SOMETHING'S
WRONG WITH HIS
GUITAR. IT'S NOT
RIGHT FOR A
BEGINNER, AND A
HIGH SCHOOL
STUDENT AT
THAT.

WOULD
AN AMATEUR
BUY A FANCY
GUITAR LIKE
THAT?

How much
was it?



NOPE.

I DON'T
HAVE A
FATHER.

HUH?
I'M
SORRY.



HEY,



?



?

DID YOUR
FATHER OR
SOMEBODY
HAND IT
DOWN TO
YOU?



I screwed
up...



...

YOU MUST
HAVE A
FAVORITE,
RIGHT?

YOU
KNOW, LIKE
A SONG OR
SOMETHING.

THEN,

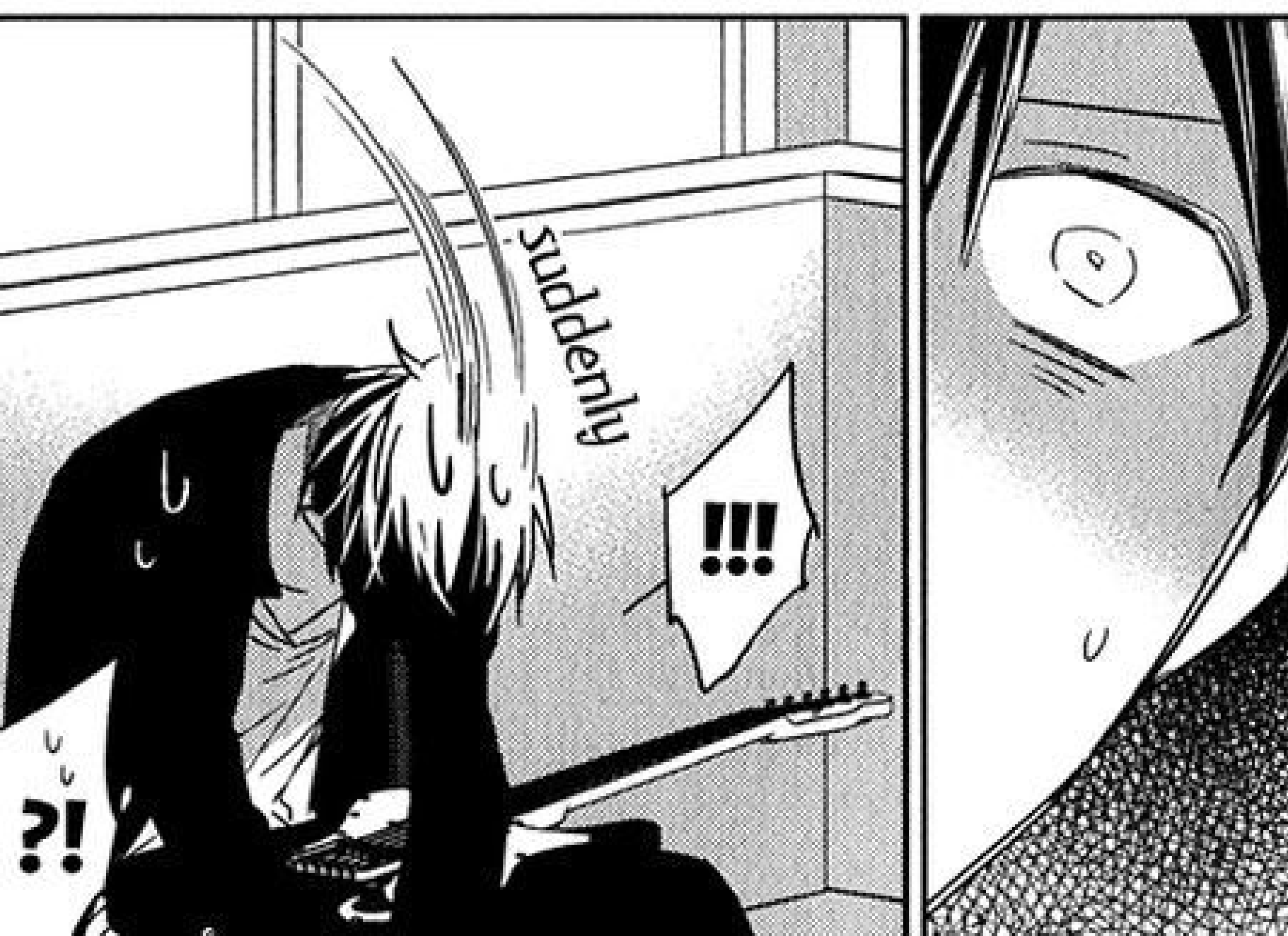
DO YOU
HAVE ANY
MUSIC
YOU LIKE?







THE ATMOSPHERE
AROUND ME
SEEMED TO SHIVER
FOR A MOMENT.





Does he
really get
what I mean?



Patient